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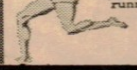

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WHAM! - NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY!
OH, MAC! YOU ARE A REAL MAN AFTER ALL!

IN THE BLAZING SKIES OVER CAMPIENS DURING WORLD WAR I... AN ESCADRILLE DE CHASSE OF FRENCH NIEUPORTS, LED BY THE RUTHLESS COL. VICTOR BRETAINE TWISTED AND TURNED IN A SAVAGE DOGFIGHT WITH GERMAN FOKKERS AND ALBATROSSES. WHEN THE COLONEL LATER SENT ONE OF HIS OWN PILOTS TO HIS DEATH—THE PILOT VOWED TO RETURN EVEN FROM THE GRAVE. THE COLONEL LAUGHED. BUT HE COULD NOT ESCAPE THE NIGHTMARE VENGEANCE OF THE...
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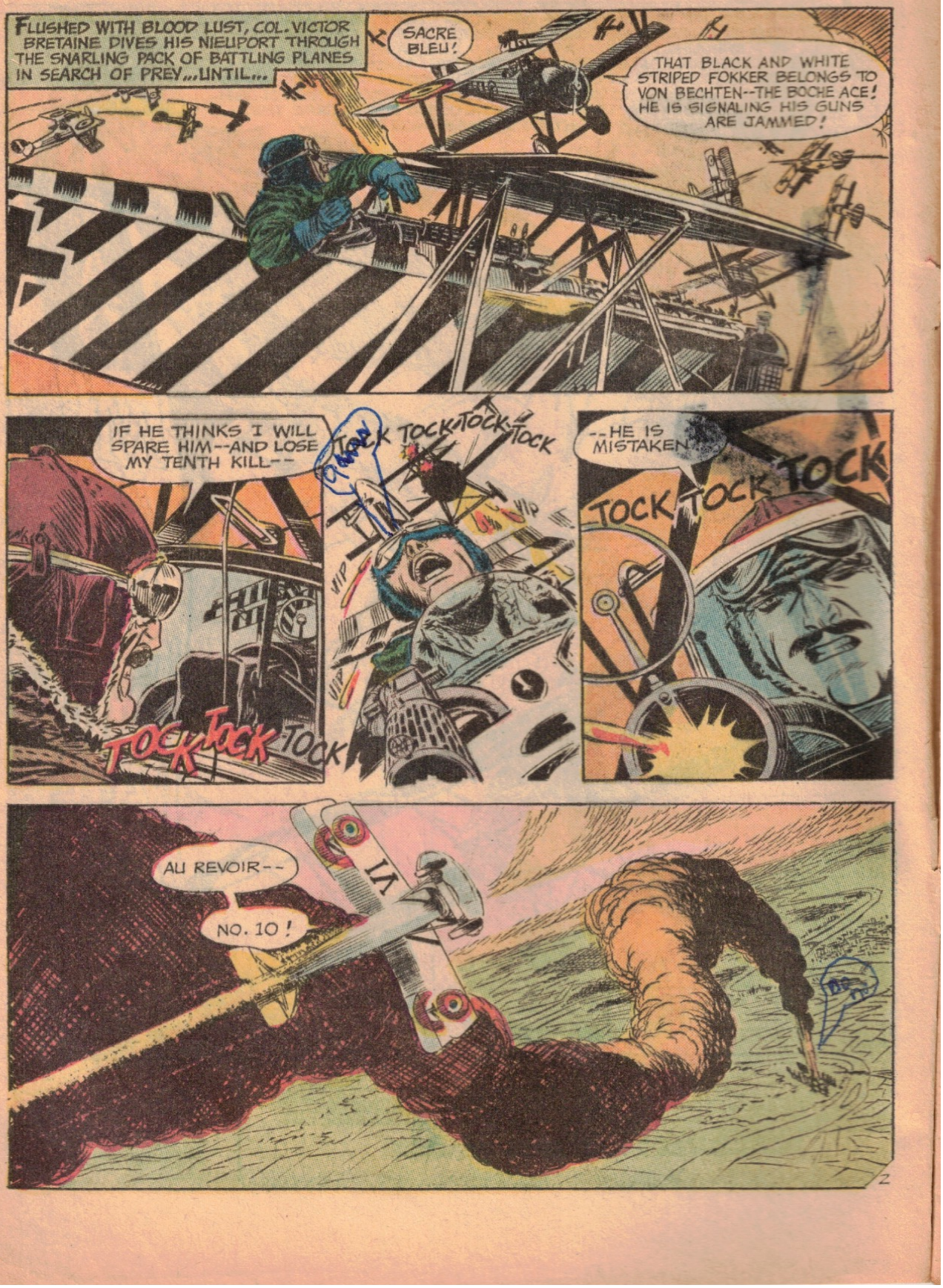
FLUSHED WITH BLOOD LUST, COL. VICTOR BRETAINE DIVES HIS NIEUPORT THROUGH THE SNARLING PACK OF BATTLING PLANES IN SEARCH OF PREY...UNTIL...
SACRE BLEU!
THAT BLACK AND WHITE STRIPED FOKKER BELONGS TO VON BECHTEN--THE BOCHE ACE! HE IS SIGNALING HIS GUNS ARE JAMMED!
IF HE THINKS I WILL SPARE HIM--AND LOSE MY TENTH KILL--
TOCK TOCK TOCK
TOCK TOCK TOCK TOCK
VIP
--HE IS MISTAKEN.
TOCK TOCK TOCK
AU REVOIR--
NO. 10!
VI

WITH FUEL AND AMMO ALMOST SPENT, THE AERIAL DUELISTS SEPARATE... AND AS COL. BRETAINE LEADS HIS NIEUPORTS HOMEWARDS... UGLY BLACK EXPLOSIVES CLAW AT THE FRAGILE SHIPS OF WIRE AND CANVAS...
WHUMP!
BRUM!
YUMP!
WIRUMP!
BAM
BLAAAM
YIPVIPVIPVIPVIP
TZING!!NNG—
TZIIING
RATATAT
VRUMPP
WHRAAM
BRUUUM
RATATATAT
RATATATA
SACRE BLEU!
ATTACKING THE ENEMY GAS DEPOT AT NEUILLY WOULD BE A SUICIDE MISSION!
LATER... AT THE NIEUPORT AIRFIELD...
ONE MORE KILL TODAY, HENRI! NUMBER 10! PAINT IT ON IMMEDIATELY!
OUI, MON COLONEL!
THE GREAT VON BECHTEN DOWNED! HOW DO YOU DO IT, MON COLONEL?
WITH THESE HANDS! THEY ARE THE HANDS OF A MUSICIAN-- OF DEATH!

UNLIKE ALMOST ALL OTHER ACES WHO COLLECT SOUVENIRS OF THEIR VICTORIES,,,WHEN COLONEL BRETAINE LEAVES HIS ADMIRING PILOTS, AND IS ALONE IN HIS QUARTERS...
I WILL PLAY FOR YOU--
--AN ELEGY!
A FUNERAL MARCH!
SUDDENLY, THE MOURNFUL MUSIC ABRUPTLY ENDS AS...
EXCUSE ME, MON COLONEL... I--I DIDN'T MEAN TO DISTURB YOUR BEAUTIFUL MUSIC--
MY FATHER SENDS YOU NEW WINE FROM HIS VATS AS YOU REQUESTED--
THAT IS NOT ALL I REQUESTED, DENISE!
I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME, DENISE! YOU TURN MY HEAD LIKE NEW WINE!
B-B-BUT, MON COLONEL--? I--I--DO NOT,,, FEEL-- ANYTHING FOR YOU!
YOU WILL, DENISE--YOU WILL!
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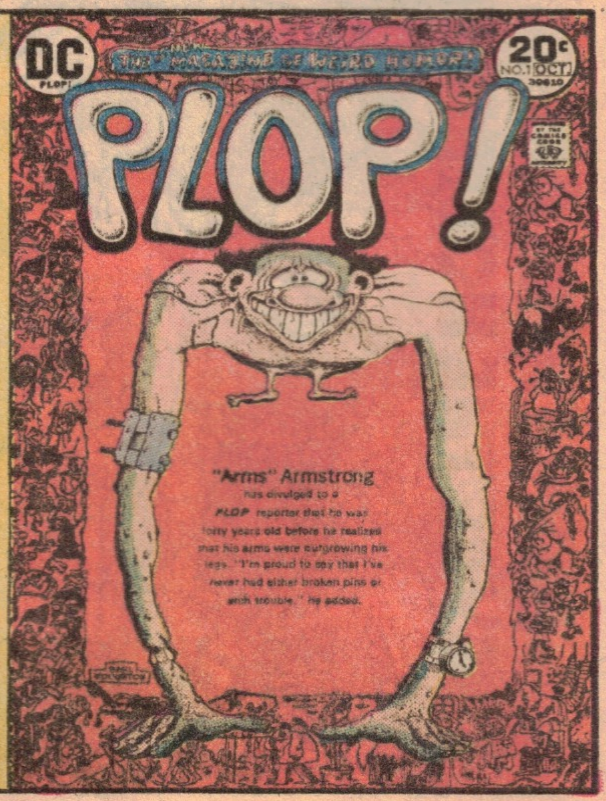
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SACRE BLEU--?!
VIP VIP VIP VIP VIP
SPLAANNGG!
WHAT FOOL FIRED THAT BURST?
STRAY BULLETS, COLONEL! FROM A DOGFIGHT OVER OUR FIELD! A SINGLE SPAD IS ENGAGING TWO ALBATROSSES WHO WERE ABOUT TO STRAFE US!
ABOVE THE NIEUPORT FIELD, AN AERIAL DANCE OF DEATH-- THE LONE SPAD PILOT IGNORES THE BLAZING HAIL OF BULLETS FROM THE ALBATROSS ON HIS TAIL...
...AS THE GERMAN PILOT IN FRONT OF HIM GROWS LARGER AND LARGER IN HIS SIGHTS...
TOCK TOCK TOCK
TOCK-TOCK
TOKTOKTOKTOK
VIP-VIP VIP
no! no! no!
SUDDENLY, THE ALBATROSS IN FRONT OF HIM DISINTEGRATES UNDER THE HAMMERING OF HIS VICKERS...
TOKTOCK-TOCK TOCK
5

SWIFTLY, THE SPAD PILOT LOOPS HIS SCREAMING SHIP OUT FROM UNDER THE RELENTLESS POUNDING OF THE ENEMY BEHIND HIM...
REEEE
VIP VIP VIP
TOK TOK TOK
TOK TOK
REE
WH
AND BEFORE THE STARTLED ALBATROSS PILOT REALIZES HIS PREY HAS ESCAPED HIM, HE CONVULSES IN DEATH BEFORE THE BLAZING GUNS OF HIS ERSTWHILE VICTIM...
TOK TOK TOK
TOK TOK TOK
VIP VIP VIP
VIP VIP
TZING!
PAST THE SMOKING FUNERAL PYRES OF THE DOWNED ENEMY, THE SPAD BOUNCES TO A LANDING AMIDST THE CHEERS OF COL. BRETAINE'S EXCITED NIEUPORT PILOTS...
WHO IS THE PILOT?
I HAVE NEVER SEEN TWO KILLS IN A SINGLE DUEL!
FOOLS--THEY FORGET ABOUT MY TEN KILLS!
LT. ANDRE VOISON--REPLACEMENT--REPORTING FOR DUTY, MON COLONEL!
MON DIEU! YOU ARE WOUNDED, LIEUTENANT! LET ME BIND YOUR WOUND!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, NO BLAZING HAIL OF ENEMY BULLETS SEARS COL. BRETAINE'S JEALOUS HEART AS MUCH AS...
YOU'RE AN ANGEL-- DENISE...
I LOVE YOU... ANDRE--ONLY YOU--YOU--
HIS NIGHTS BECOME A FIERY CAULDRON...
I LOVE YOU... ANDRE... ONLY YOU--YOU--YOU!
ONE EVENING, AFTER LT. ANDRE VOISON IS BACK ON COMBAT DUTY AND HIS RISING TALLY OF VICTORIES REACHES THE COLONEL'S...
YOU ARE NOW MY TOP FIGHTER PILOT, LIEUTENANT! AND SO I HAVE PLANNED A DARING MISSION FOR YOU! AT DAWN YOU WILL ATTACK THE ENEMY GAS DEPOT AT NEUILLY! A SINGLE PLANE WILL SURPRISE THEM--AND BE SUCCESSFUL!
IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE-- IT'S SUICIDE!
DENISE WOULD NOT BE SO GENEROUS WITH HER LOVE--IF SHE KNEW IT WAS FOR A COWARD! NEVER MIND, LIEUTENANT! I WILL GO MYSELF AND SHOW HER WHAT A REAL MAN IS--
I WILL TAKE OFF AT DAWN FOR NEUILLY, SIR!
I SHALL
RN!
AS DAWN RISES BLEAK AND CHILL...
AN HOUR LATER... FORWARD OBSERVERS PHONE THE COLONEL...
YOUR PILOT'S SPAD DISAPPEARED OVER NEUILLY IN AN INFERNO OF A.A. AND MACHINE GUN FIRE! SORRY--
SO AM I... LT. ANDRE VOISON WAS MY BEST PILOT!

SHORTLY, THE INCREDULOUS COLONEL RUSHES OUT ONTO THE FIELD TO JOIN THE ASTONISHED WATCHERS AS...
IT'S LT. VOISON, SIR!
IMPOSSIBLE!
LOOK!
MON DIEU--HOW COULD HE HAVE BROUGHT HIS SHIP BACK?
THE LIEUTENANT-- HE--HE'S DEAD!
HE-HE SAID HE WOULD COME BACK--
BUT HE CAN'T--
TH-THE DEAD DON'T COME BACK!
LOOK OUT!-- THE SPAD'S TAXIING!
IT'S HEADING FOR ME!
VRUUUM!
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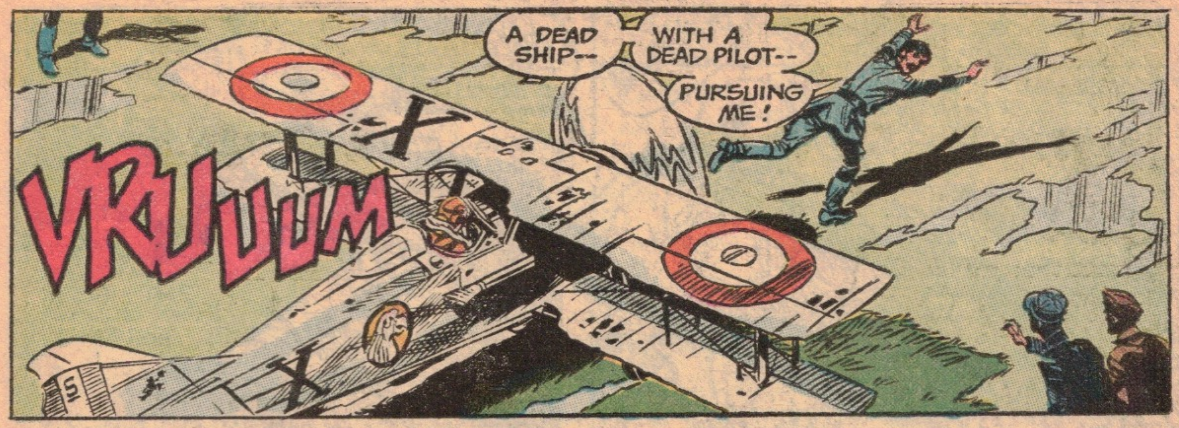
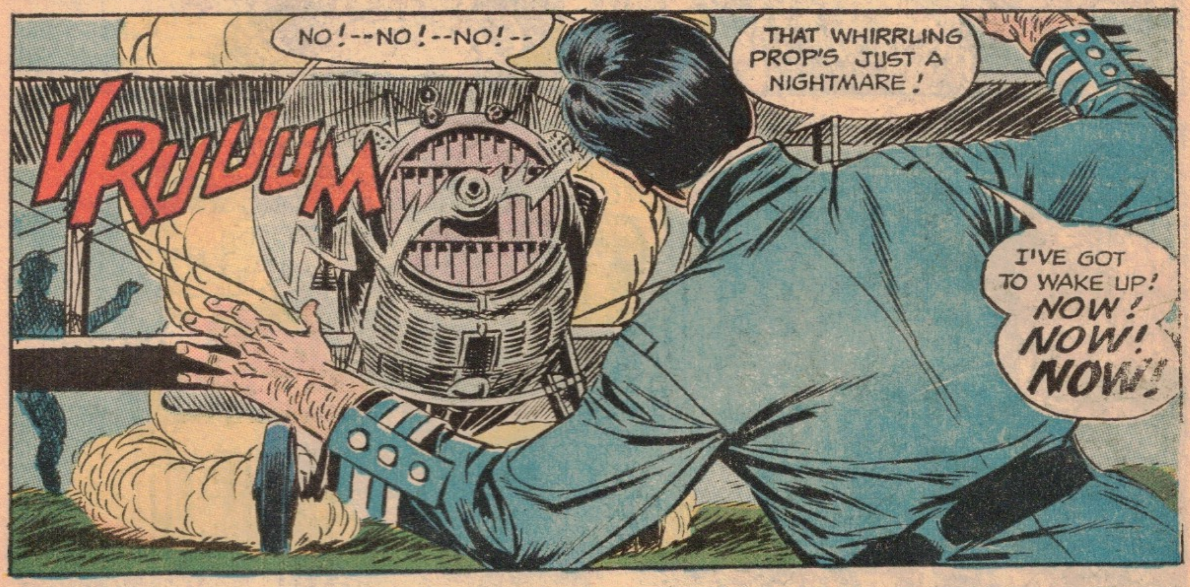
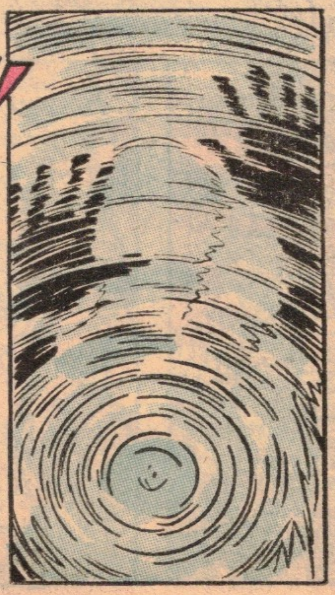

A DEAD SHIP--
WITH A DEAD PILOT--
PURSUING ME!
VRUUUM


NO!--NO!--NO!--
THAT WHIRRLING PROP'S JUST A NIGHTMARE!
VRUUUM
I'VE GOT TO WAKE UP! NOW! NOW! NOW!

AHHHGHNN!



MY HANDS--?
THE PROP CUT THEM OFF!

FRENZIEDLY, COL. BRETAINE RAVES TO THE POWERS OF DARKNESS...
DOCTOR--ALL I NEED TO FLY AGAIN ARE HANDS--ANYBODY'S! GRAFT HANDS ON ME AND I'LL MAKE THEM DO MY BIDDING!
I'LL PAY ANY PRICE-- I'LL SELL MY SOUL FOR NEW HANDS!
I HAVE EXPERIMENTED SUCCESSFULLY ON ANIMALS --BUT NEVER ON HUMANS, COLONEL.
THERE IS A CORPSE IN THE MORGUE WITH UNDAMAGED HANDS--
I CAN GRAFT ITS HANDS ON YOU--IF YOU ARE WILLING, COLONEL!
WILLING? I ORDER YOU TO!
AS SOON AS THE COLONEL IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE OPERATION, HE IS WHEELED TO THE OPERATING AMPHITHEATER... WHERE...
THE COLONEL IS UNCONSCIOUS, DOCTOR!
GOOD! THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO KNOW THE IDENTITY OF HIS DONOR--THE HANDS OF LT. ANDRE VOISON!
SCALPEL-- NURSE!
THE OPERATION OVER... COL. BRETAINE SWEATS THROUGH THE DAYS AND NIGHTS OF WAITING... UNTIL...
HURRY!...HURRY!
FLYING IS MY LIFE!
IF THESE HANDS DON'T WORK--I MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD!
MY NEW HANDS-- THEY'RE ALIVE!
THEY'LL TAKE ME TO THE SKIES AGAIN, WHERE I CAN HURL BACK THE ENEMY FOR LA BELLE FRANCE!

THE FIRST DAWN THE COLONEL RETURNS TO ACTIVE DUTY...
YOU--YOU SENT ANDRE VOISON TO HIS DEATH--
NO, DENISE! THE LIEUTENANT DIED BECAUSE HE LACKED THE SKILL AND DARING TO PRESS HOME HIS ATTACK ON THE ENEMY!
THE MISTAKE I MADE--WAS SENDING A BOY TO DO A MAN'S JOB!
AND DO YOU THINK YOU ARE SUCH A MAN? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SUCCEED?
I AM! AND I WILL SHOW YOU, DENISE!
I FLY TO ATTACK NEUILLY!
FLY TO HELL, THEN!
VRUMMM
MY NEW HANDS ARE AS GOOD AS MINE WERE -- BETTER EVEN!
WITH THEM--I WILL DESTROY THE ENEMY TARGET!
BUT... NEARING THE EXPLOSIVE SKIES OVER NEUILLY...
BLAAAM!
WHRUMP!
BOW!
SACRE BLEU! IT IS IMPOSSIBLE!
NO ONE CAN FLY THROUGH THIS INFERNO ALIVE!
WHRAAM
VIPVIP
VIP
N
BWEEE
I'M GETTING OUT!
VIP
VIP
ZING
BAM!

MON DIEU!--MY HANDS--THEY ARE POSSESSED--!
STRANGLING ME--WITH FINGERS OF STEEL!
TH-THE SHIP'S OUT OF CONTROL--!
DIVING--STRAIGHT--AT THE GAS TANK!
WHEEEEEEEEEE
WHUMP
BLAMMM!
BOMMA
BOM
BOM
BAM
BLAMM
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LT. ANDRE VOISON DID NOT COME BACK FROM THE DEAD--
BUT HIS HANDS DID!
BUT DO NOT LOOK FOR THIS ACCOUNT IN ANY WAR BOOK. YOU WILL ONLY FIND IT IN THE MYSTERY AND MADNESS OF THE--
WEIRD WAR!
WHROOOOM
ARNUNG! FEUER!
THE END

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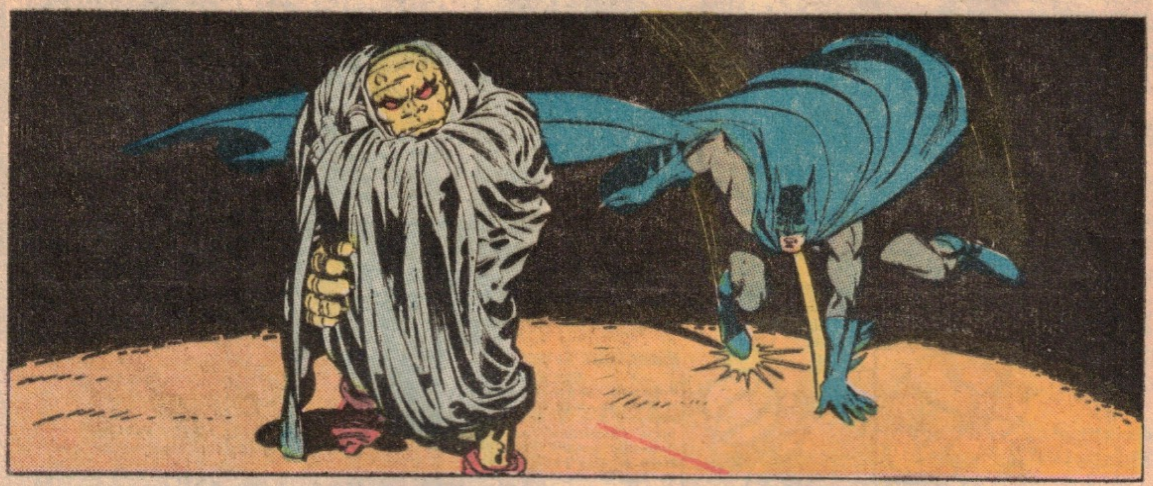
Get ready for a new look in the mysterious world of **THE PHANTOM STRANGER** when he meets up with the wiles of "Doctor Zorn: Soul Master," a very different kind of villain. Beginning with this issue **(November, #27) The Stranger**'s adventures will be chronicled by the man who created **The Doom Patrol**—Arnold Drake.

The Amazon Princess of Paradise Island must continue her battle against Inventa, so it's **WONDER WOMAN** versus "The Titanic Trials" in the **November** issue of her mag **(#208).** No sooner is that menace over, than **Wonder Woman** has to travel into space to battle "The Chessmen Of Death."

Travel to mysterious worlds beyond death to learn more true tales of **GHOSTS (#19, October)** this month. Learn the secrets of "The Body In Mystic Lake" and "The Phantom's Invisible Clue" and then read "Dead Is My Darling," for more thrills!

Shilo Norman invades a mysterious world of insect men and finds "Super-Trouble" in the **November** issue of **MISTER MIRACLE (#16).** Our newest super-escape-artist finds that things aren't always what they seem to be in this latest **Kirby** classic.

Clark Kent is sent on an assignment to Washington D.C. and is arrested for revealing government secrets! So it's **Batgirl** to the rescue during a "Wild Week-end In Washington"—in the **October** issue of **SUPERMAN (#268)** . . . plus another story of the **Fabulous World Of Krypton**—"A Tale Of Time and Tide."



Jack Kirby's amazing new hero **The Demon** meets up with the incomparable **Batman** in the **November** issue of **THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD (#109).** Learn who cries "Gotham Bay Be My Grave" in a mind-bending new book-length adventure by Bob Haney and Jim Aparo (and be sure to catch Jim's art in **Detective Comics,** beginning this month!).

Will **Sgt. Rock** finally be reunited with the combat-happy joes of Easy Co.? You'll have to get a hold of the **October** issue of **OUR ARMY AT WAR (#261)** to read the latest instaliment of Rock's round-the-world odyssey to find out!

WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL LURKS IN THE HEARTS OF MEN? THE SHADOW KNOWS! and you can too, if you pick up the **first issue** of his mag **(November)** in the **second week of July.** The pulp era lives again in "The Doom Puzzle" by Denny O'Neil and Mike Kaluta. Watch for it!

BELGIUM--DECEMBER, 1944! THE GERMAN ARMIES, UNDER VON RUNSTADT, HAVE LAUNCHED THEIR LAST GREAT OFFENSIVE OF WORLD WAR II.. THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE! THE ALLIED FORCES ARE BEING FORCED BACK. THIS PARTICULAR AMERICAN DIVISION HAS BEEN HARD HIT. AS THEY PULL OUT, CARRYING THEIR WOUNDED TO SAFETY, A HANDFUL OF INFANTRY REMAINS BEHIND, TO COVER THE RETREAT. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT ONE OF THEM... THAT YOUNG FELLOW IN THE FOXHOLE.
MANY MEN MAY LIVE OR DIE... DEPENDING ON HOW WELL HIS GUN OPERATES...
A GUN NAMED MARIE!
PLOT: MICHAEL J. PELLOWSKI
SCRIPT: E. NELSON BRIDWELL
ART: ERNIE CHUA
MARIE
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GLENN RUST HAD JUST TURNED EIGHTEEN... HE'D ONLY BEEN AT THE FRONT A FEW DAYS...YET HE'D VOLUNTEERED TO COVER THE RETREAT. EVEN NOW, DEEP WITHIN HIM, HE WONDERED WHY HE'D DONE IT. HE KNEW SO LITTLE OF COMBAT. BUT OUTWARDLY, HE WAS CALM...
STILL CLEANING YOUR GUN, EH, GLENN? YOU SURE DO IT A LOT!
I TAKE CARE OF MARIE, SHE'LL TAKE CARE OF ME!
MARIE! GIVING A GUN A GIRL'S NAME! YOU'D THINK IT WAS YOUR SWEETHEART!
IT COMES NATURAL. GLENN'S DAD IS A GUNSMITH. BETCHA GLENN CUT HIS TEETH ON A SHOTGUN BARREL!
YEAH... PROBABLY HAD GUNS TO PLAY WITH IN HIS CRIB!
I NEVER PLAYED WITH GUNS! I WAS TAUGHT TO RESPECT 'EM!
"EMPTY" GUNS HAVE A WAY OF TURNIN' ON YOU WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT!
BUT TO TREAT A GUN LIKE IT WAS A GIRL...
JUST 'CAUSE I LIKE MARIE DON'T MEAN I'M CRAZY! EVEN DAVY CROCKETT HAD HIS "OLD BETSY"!
GLENN HAD SEEN HARDLY ANY ACTION. AND HE SECRETLY WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO KILL. COULD HE REALLY DO IT? AND IF NOT... WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE... TO DIE?
I FIGURE IF I KEEP MARIE IN GOOD SHAPE, SHE WON'T LET ME DOWN WHEN I NEED HER!
AND WHEN THOSE JERRIES START COMIN' THIS WAY-- I'LL NEED HER!
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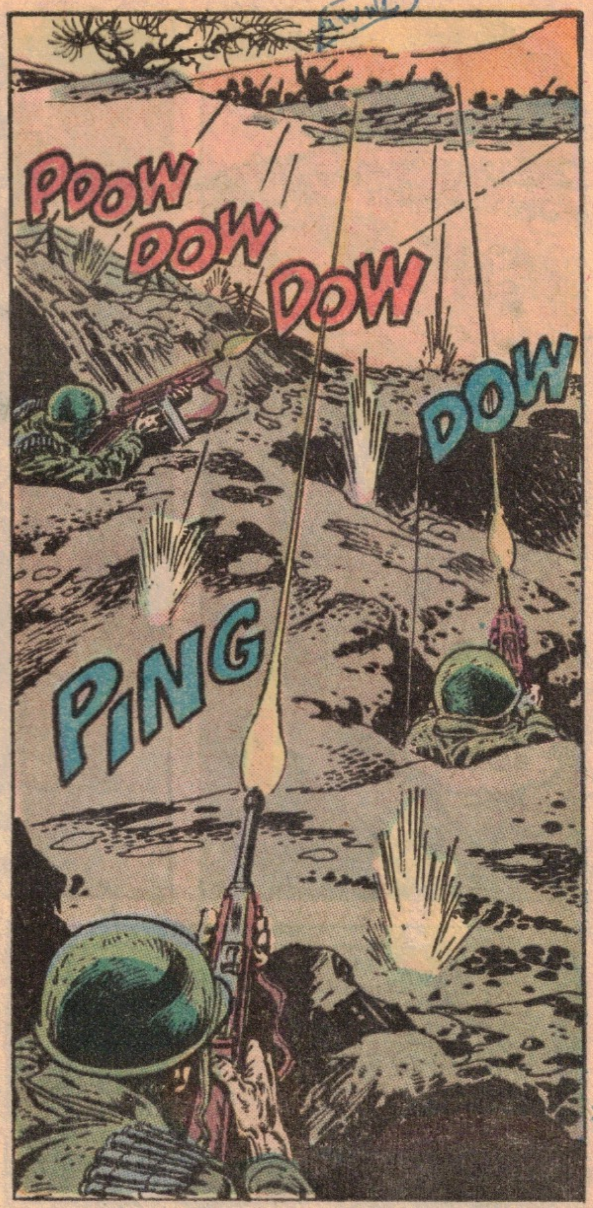
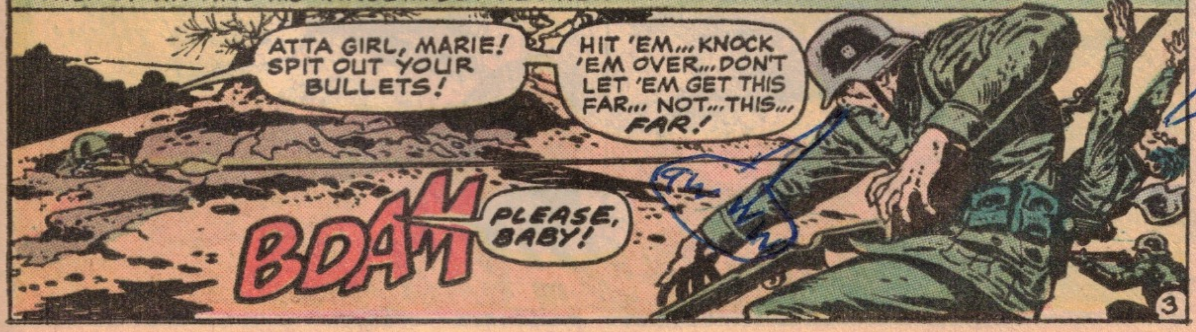
MAJOR ERICH VON STRICH BELIEVED STRONGLY IN THE NAZI "MASTER RACE" DOGMA. THOSE OF OTHER RACES WERE TO HIM VERMIN, TO BE RUTHLESSLY STAMPED OUT. THE WORD "MERCY" WAS NOT IN HIS VOCABULARY...



GLENN RUST SAW THE ENEMY CHARGING TOWARD HIM. SO MANY OF THEM, WHILE HE AND HIS FELLOW GUNNERS WERE SO FEW. HE TRIED NOT TO THINK OF THAT... TO THINK ONLY OF HITTING HIS TARGET... BUT HE KNEW THAT DEATH WAS RUSHING HIS WAY...



GOTTA GET A BETTER BEAD...
UUUUNNNHH!
SPANG!
GLENN HAD BARELY GLANCED AT THE SOUND-- BUT HE KNEW DAVE WAS DEAD. THEY'D BEEN TOGETHER SINCE BASIC TRAINING... YET GLENN COULDN'T GRIEVE NOW. ALL HIS THOUGHTS WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO KEEP THE ENEMY FROM REACHING HIM... FROM KILLING HIM!
COME ON, BABY! WE HAVE TO STOP THESE GUYS!
BDAM-DAM-DAM
FALL BACK! THE AMERIKANER ARE BUTCHERING US!
NEIN! FORWARD! WE WILL DO THE BUTCHERING! CRUSH THEM!
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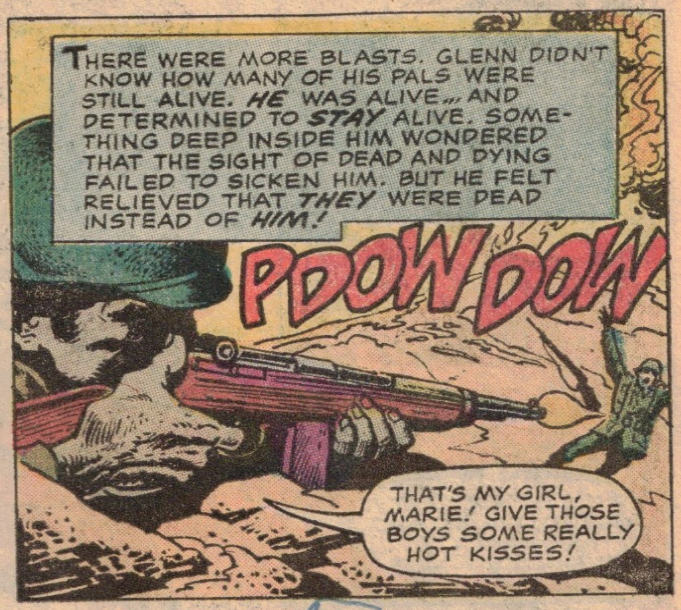
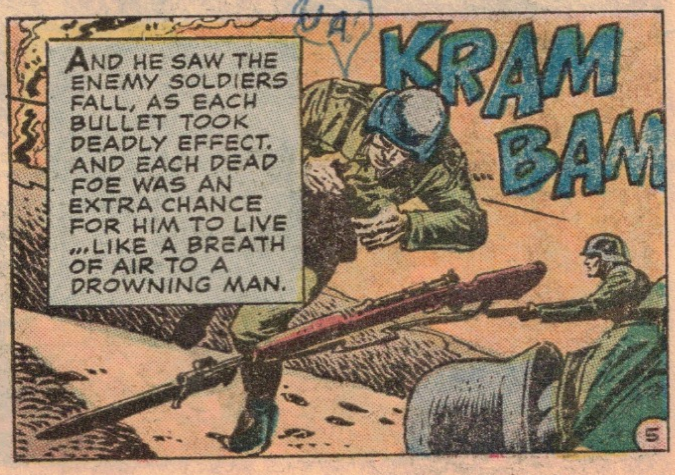
GLENN HEARD THE GRENADE BLAST, BUT HADN'T EVEN TIME TO GLANCE, TO SEE WHICH OF HIS BUDDIES HAD BEEN KILLED! HE WAS TOO BUSY KILLING OTHERS... BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO DIE... LIFE HAD NEVER BEEN SWEETER THAN NOW, WHEN IT MIGHT END AT ANY MOMENT!
BDAM
BAM


THERE WERE MORE BLASTS. GLENN DIDN'T KNOW HOW MANY OF HIS PALS WERE STILL ALIVE. HE WAS ALIVE... AND DETERMINED TO STAY ALIVE. SOMETHING DEEP INSIDE HIM WONDERED THAT THE SIGHT OF DEAD AND DYING FAILED TO SICKEN HIM. BUT HE FELT RELIEVED THAT THEY WERE DEAD INSTEAD OF HIM!
PDOW DOW
THAT'S MY GIRL, MARIE! GIVE THOSE BOYS SOME REALLY HOT KISSES!


AND HE SAW THE ENEMY SOLDIERS FALL, AS EACH BULLET TOOK DEADLY EFFECT. AND EACH DEAD FOE WAS AN EXTRA CHANCE FOR HIM TO LIVE ...LIKE A BREATH OF AIR TO A DROWNING MAN.
KRAM
BAM

STRICH WAS ENRAGED TO SEE HIS SOLDIERS FLEE. THEY WERE ARYANS -- THE MASTER RACE!
TURN BACK, YOU SCHWEIN! DO NOT LET THOSE DOGS FRIGHTEN YOU!
IN THE WOODS, THEY STOPPED, AND HE SPEWED FORTH HIS ANGER AT THE SOLDIERS WHO HAD DARED TO DISGRACE HIM BY FLEEING...
WE ARE WINNING, AT LAST! THE AMERIKANER AND THEIR ALLIES ARE KAPUTT!
SOON, OUR FÜHRER WILL RULE THE WORLD! AND YOU RUN!
THEY BEAT US IN AFRICA, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, ON THE BEACHES OF FRANCE!
INSUBORDINATE HUND!
P-POW!
THIS IS OUR LAST GASP! IT IS WE WHO ARE KAPUTT!
IF YOU REFUSE TO FACE DEATH LIKE A HERO OF THE FATHERLAND... THEN DIE LIKE THE CRINGING COWARD YOU ARE!
NOW -- CHARGE! DESTROY THE AMERIKANER!
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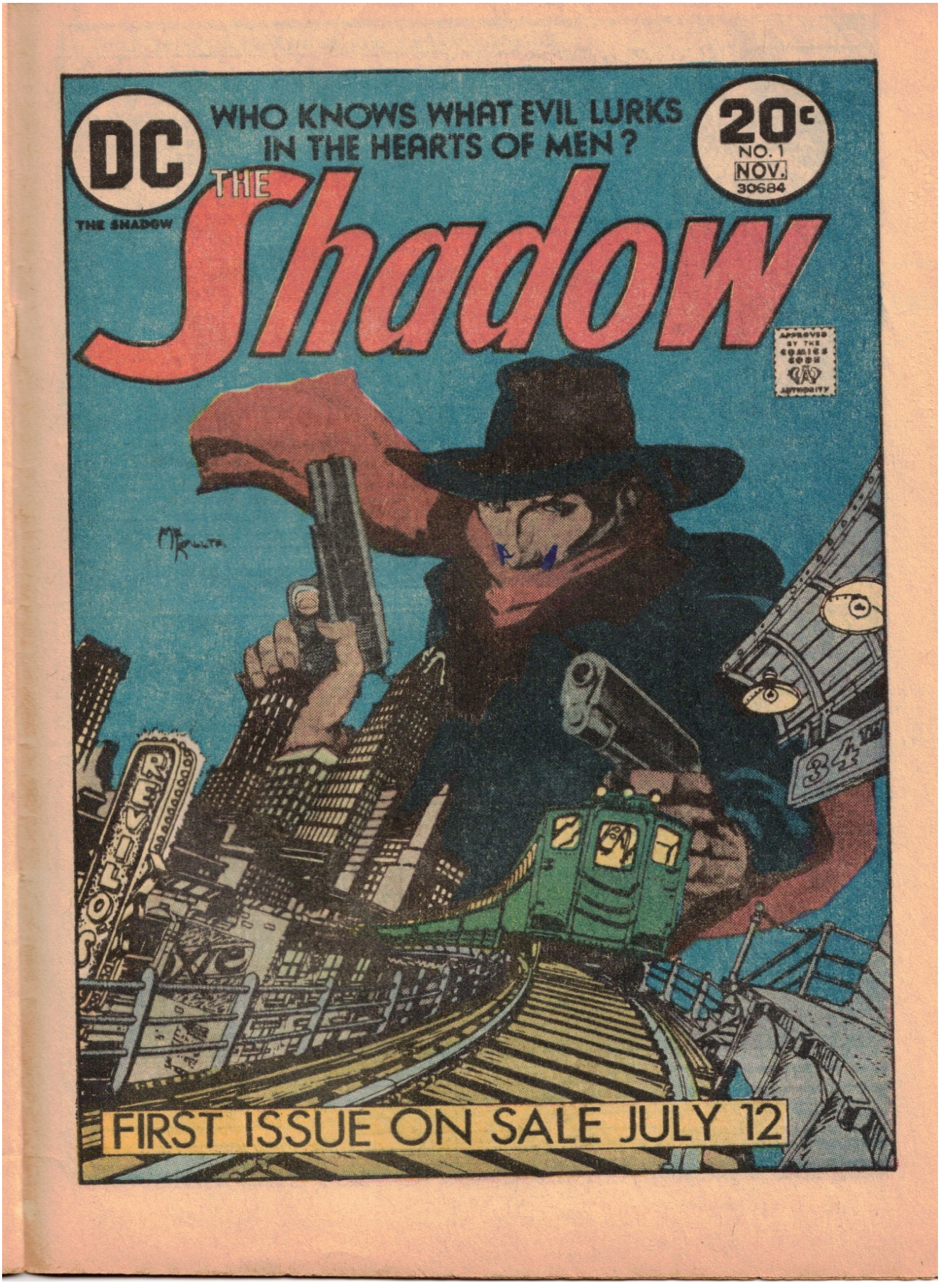
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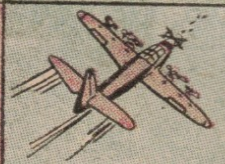

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GLENN HAD A FRESH CLIP IN HIS GUN-- HIS LAST. HE WONDERED... WERE THERE ENOUGH BULLETS TO STOP THE GERMANS... BEFORE THEY REACHED HIM?
YOU'RE TOO HOT FOR 'EM, MARIE, BABY! KEEP IT UP!
POW
BDAM DAM BDAM
HE SAW MAJOR VON STRICH COMING. BUT THERE WERE OTHER GERMANS TO SLAUGHTER FIRST... THEY WERE CLOSER, MORE IMMEDIATE DANGER...
BDOW
FIRST THE SMALL FRY, MARIE, THEN YOU CAN "MAKE LOVE" TO THE BIG BRASS!
GLENN VAGUELY REALIZED THAT THE REMAINING GERMANS TO THE RIGHT AND LEFT HAD OVERRUN THE OTHER AMERICAN POSITIONS. BUT NOW ONLY ONE ENEMY WAS COMING TOWARD HIM. HE HAD DONE IT... HE WAS GOING TO LIVE!
CLICK!
THIS IS THE LAST ONE, SWEETIE! WE'LL TAKE HIM OUT, THEN PULL UP STAKES!
MARIE WAS EMPTY! FOR A MOMENT, A FEELING OF PANIC STRUCK COLDLY AT GLENN'S HEART... LIKE THE GRIP OF DEATH ITSELF!
NO, MARIE-- NOT NOW! YOU CAN'T FAIL ME!
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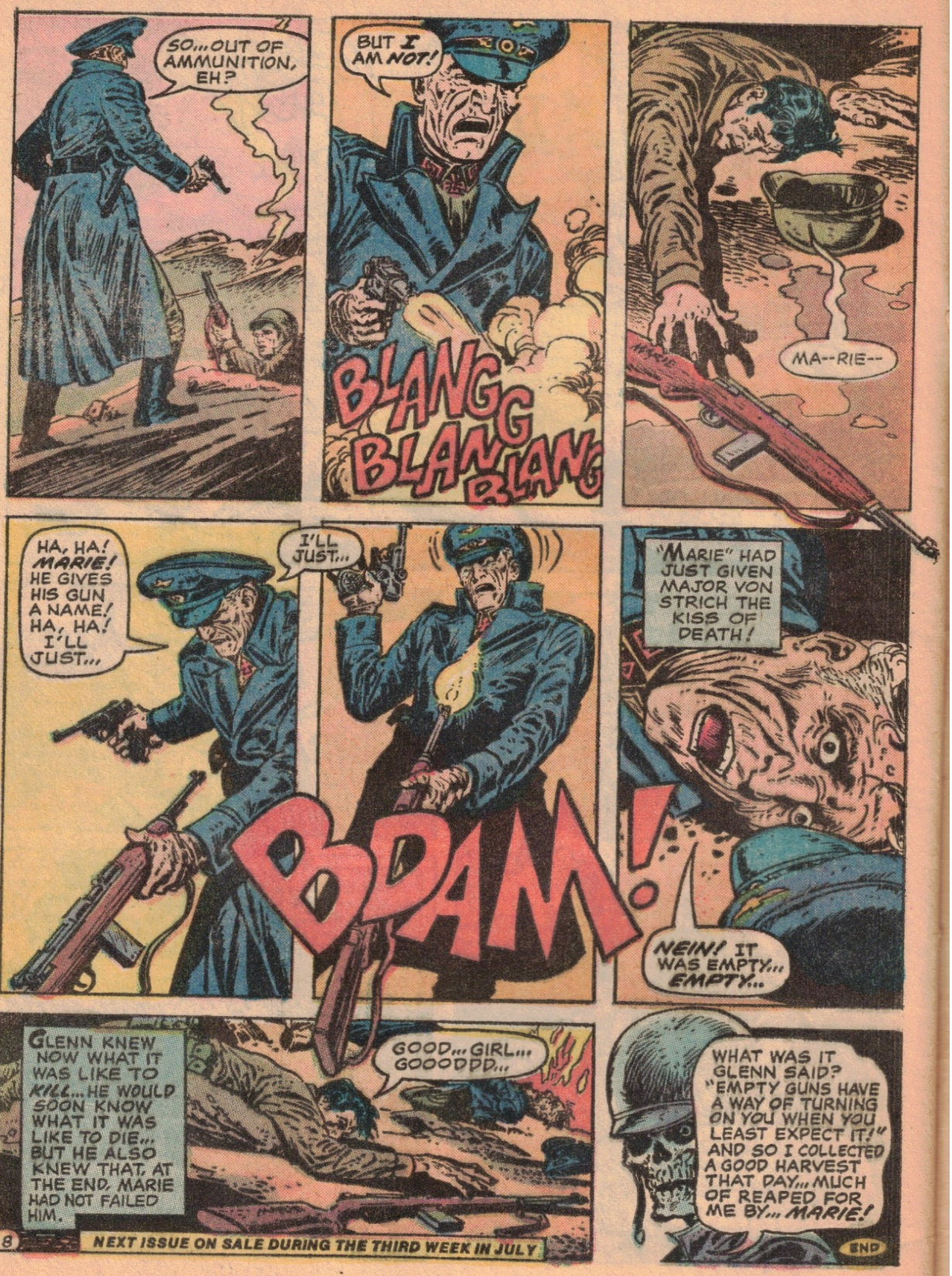
SO... OUT OF AMMUNITION, EH?
BUT I AM NOT!
BLANG BLANG BLANG
MA--RIE--
HA, HA! MARIE! HE GIVES HIS GUN A NAME! HA, HA! I'LL JUST...
I'LL JUST...
BRAM!
"MARIE" HAD JUST GIVEN MAJOR VON STRICH THE KISS OF DEATH!
NEIN! IT WAS EMPTY... EMPTY...
GLENN KNEW NOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO KILL... HE WOULD SOON KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO DIE... BUT HE ALSO KNEW THAT, AT THE END, MARIE HAD NOT FAILED HIM.
GOOD... GIRL... GOOODDD...
WHAT WAS IT GLENN SAID? "EMPTY GUNS HAVE A WAY OF TURNING ON YOU WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT!" AND SO I COLLECTED A GOOD HARVEST THAT DAY... MUCH OF REAPED FOR ME BY... MARIE!
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NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN JULY

ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO: A.P.O. WEIRD WAR TALES, NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS INC., 909 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

Dear Joe,

I wouldn't write you to compliment you on how good each of your magazines are, or I'd be writing all the time. So I'm writing to point out a bad one. Weird War Tales #12 just wasn't up to your usual standard of quality.

Let's start with the cover. Crummy. When I first saw it, I felt mild surprise that you would actually put such an idiotic-looking cover on one of your comics. It looks like the work of a three-year old!

Then there was the first story, "God of Vengeance." The story was good and the art was average. Not so with "The Hand of Hell," your second story. Again, a good story, but the art by Tony DeZuniga didn't do much for me. As a matter of fact, it's the worst art job I've seen in any DC comic. The third story, "The Warrior and the Witch," was the best (despite the dumb name). The story was as good as the others, and the art by Don Perlin was great! I like the idea of stories set in ancient times.

Again, the art on the first two stories can use some work, and when I say that the scripts are good, I mean good . . . or maybe even very good! But not excellent, which is what WWT has been in the past. So shape up! My advice: keep doing stories of war in ancient times along with those set in modern times, keep Bob Kanigher and Arnold Drake, and, by all means, keep Don Perlin! Send Tony DeZuniga to art school and you'll be fine. Also, start making better covers. Korak's cover this month wasn't so good either!

Tom O'Neill, Address unknown

Dear Tom,

To answer your last gripe first, and maybe clear up a little confusion in the process, Korak is edited by Joe Kubert. Weird War Tales, for the past nine or ten issues, has been edited by Joe Orlando. Kubert stopped editing WWT to devote more time to Tarzan some time ago.

Next, while you disliked "Hand of Hell" and the cover, the following letter-writer loved both. We try to please everyone with a balanced mag, and although we don't always succeed, we feel that we've got a pretty good track record.

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Dear Joe,

Who did the fantastic art for "Hand Of Hell" in #12? Also, who did the great cover and signed his name MwK?

Jack Bombardier, Southbridge, Mass.

Dear Jack,

"Hand Of Hell" was drawn by Tony DeZuniga, and MwK, as we thought everyone knew, is Mike Kaluta.

Dear Joe:

Wonderful! I'm referring, of course, to the delightful four-part experiment called Weird War Tales #11. I've sorely underestimated Sheldon Mayer's literary talents, for which I humbly apologize. I think I may safely say that this issue bests all of the previous ten. Mayer's plotting was moderately complex, and the time-shifting was marvelous; in the end it all fitted together with clockwork precision, like a puzzle in which all the pieces fit perfectly. If this doesn't earn a nomination for best story of the year, I will be shocked.

The four contributing artists were all magnificent. I thought at first that the change in art styles might affect the continuity, but it only further enhanced the feeling of shifting focus to another time, another place. The best set of illustrations were DeZuniga's, with Alcala's running a close second.

Please, we must have more of this!

Mark Lucke, Beeville, Texas

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Dear Joe,

Your latest issue of Weird War Tales is the poorest number I can remember since you took over the editorship. There was a preponderance of war and not enough weird in #12!

The covers of Weird War have always been distinctive and this one, by Mike Kaluta of all people, was no exception. I still can hardly believe that's MwK on the cover. The faces look like they were done by Alcala; totally unlike Kaluta's normally light and delicate art lines.

The best art in the interior was by Tony DeZuniga. Neither Gerry Talaoc nor Don Perlin was impressive.

As I said earlier, the stories lacked any kind of original weirdness about them. The first story is another hackneyed tale of vengeance. The second's the same thing and the last story was just plain ridiculous! I enjoyed the unifying theme of #11 and would welcome another issue like that.

I still feel that you're placing undue emphasis on traditional war. Surely your writers' imaginations are better than that!

Gary Kimber, Scarborough, Canada

Dear Gary,

If you read the first part of this lettercol you'll understand our problem. Neither you nor Tom O'Neill liked #12, but both of you had exactly opposite reasons for disliking it.

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What are your reactions, reader? More weird or more war? Send your letters to A.P.O. WEIRD WAR TALES, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and help us decide.

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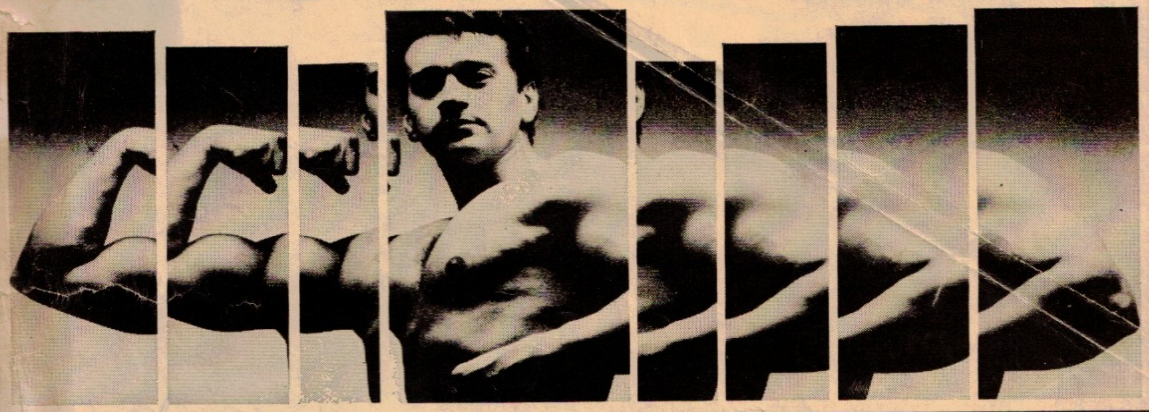

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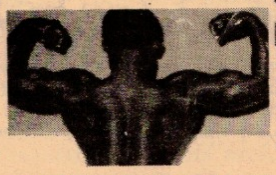

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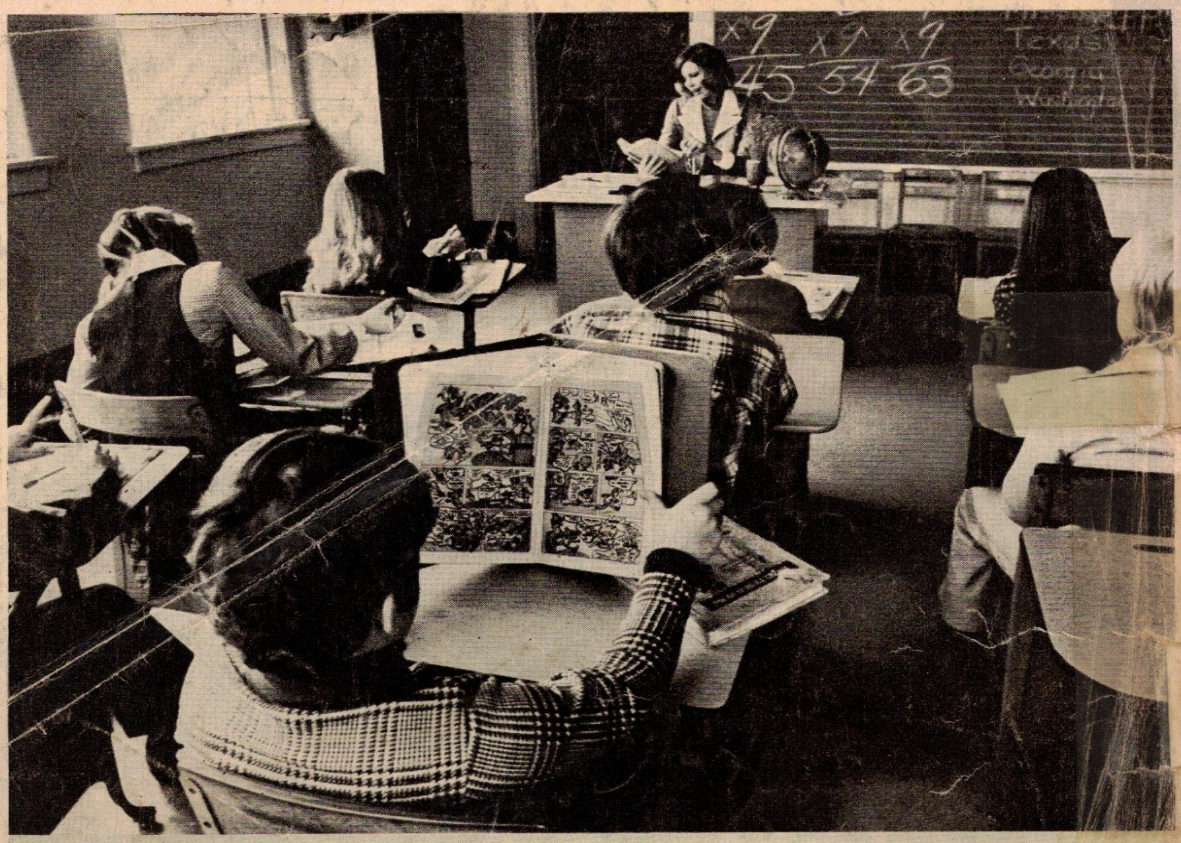

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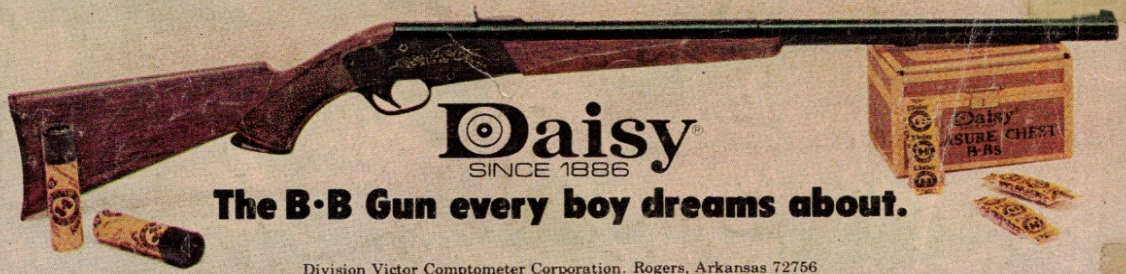

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